existing formula as 'guidelines' so as to link the allocation of power with the need for capacity to pay. Under the 'guidelines' power from new Central Sector Power Stations will be made to the States/UTs as per their entitlement subject to the power purchase agreements to be signed with CPSUs concerned.

(c) and (d) As per information available, no specific request has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for providing additional power to meet the demand for flood lighting.

Setting up of power projects by private/public sector companies in N.E. States

†3509. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects set up in North-Eastem States by private sector and public sector companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has not been any effective improvement in North-Eastem States even after the setting up of above projects; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATIJAYA WANTIMEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Media reports captioned: 'rolls-royce powers Andhra bribe'

3510. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the media reports captioned 'Rolls-Royce powers Andhra bribe';

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAY A WANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reference is to reports in the British Media stating that the Rolls Royce Company (a UK based firm) had allegedly made secret pay-offs to an Indian firm, Towanda Services Ltd., to secure bids for the 'Engineering, Procurement & Construction' (EPC) as well as the O&M contract in relation to the 208 MW Godavari power project being implemented in Andhra Pradesh by M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited (SPGL).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.